

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21-24, 26, 28-31, 36-40, 44-51, and 53-64 were pending in the application prior to entering this amendment. Claims 1, 10-13, 19, 26, 31, 36-39, 47, and 57 have been amended to correct typographical and other insubstantial errors. Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendments shown pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

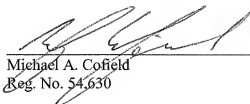
APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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